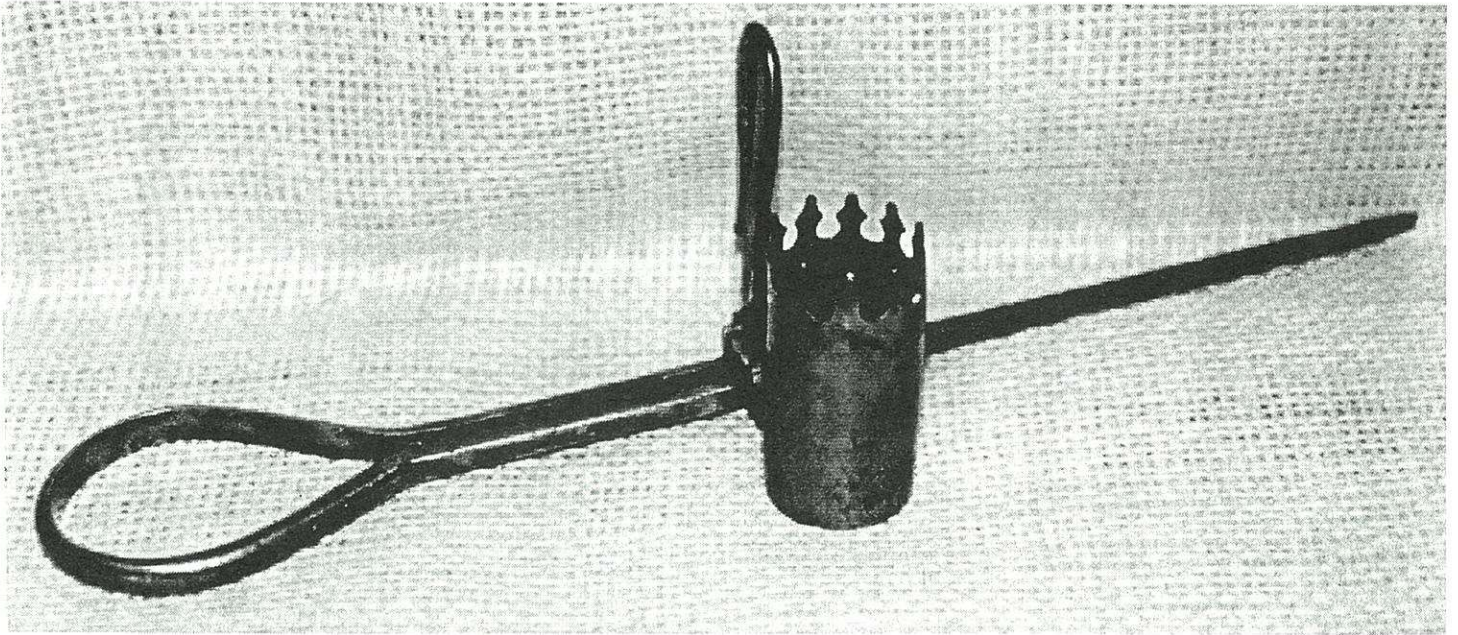


Miners' Candlesticks

Dave Johnson



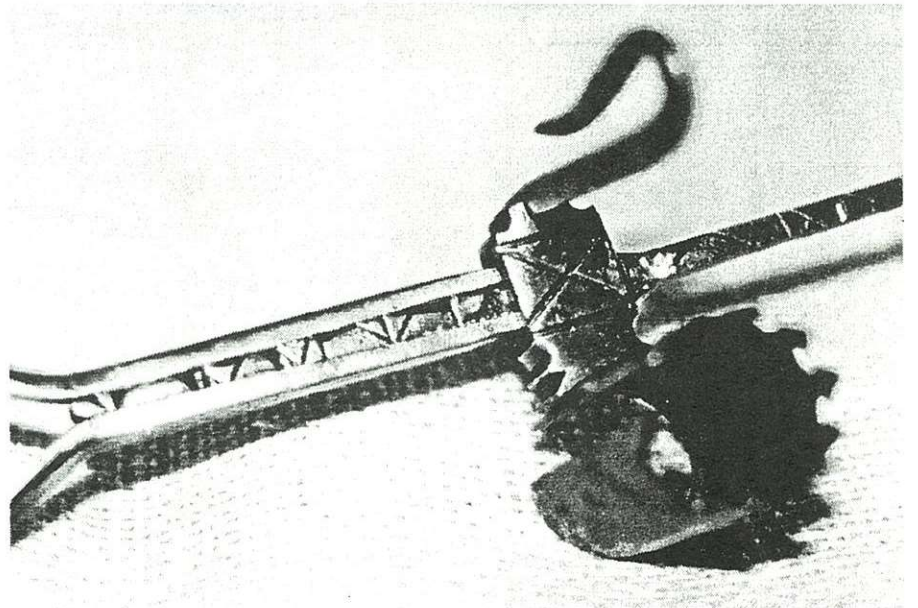
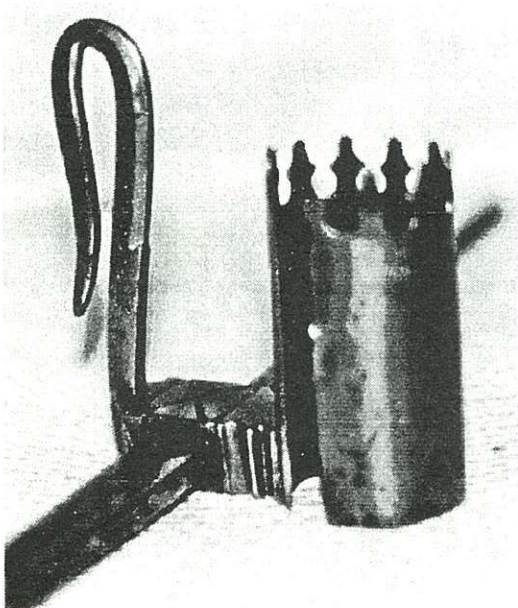
A Bi-metallic Michigan Stick

The pictured candlestick was found in the Calumet area of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. Measuring 9" in overall length, the stick features a brass handle and handle neck. The

handle neck is split with the steel spike running down the center to the hook and thimble stems where it passes through continuing alone to the spike point.

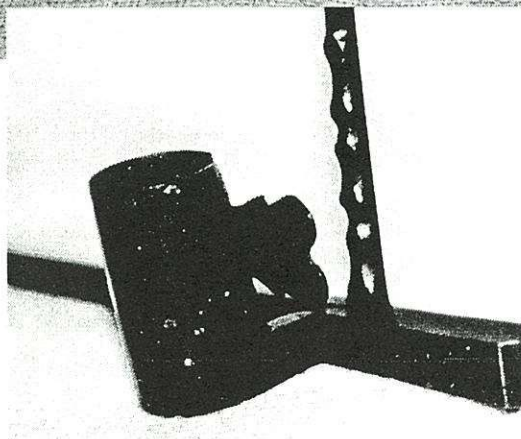
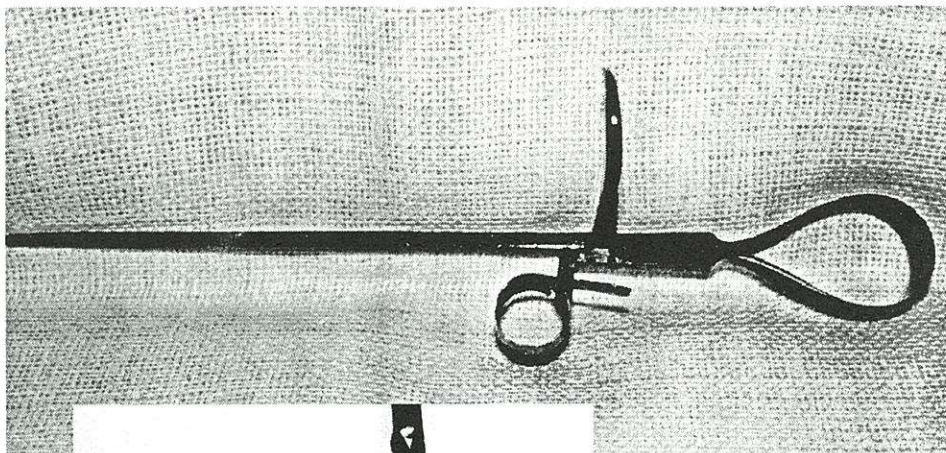
The 1 3/4" tall thimble is ornately castellated. The hook and thimble stem is ornately decorated with some

ornamentation appearing on the steel spike. The brass handle neck is pinned to the steel spike. The hook is the classic "Lake Superior" variety, common to the region. This stick was acquired from an estate auction and added to my collection more than 25 years ago.



An Idaho Stick

Acquired in the Coeur d'Alene area of Idaho more than 20 years ago, this excellent quality stick measures 11 7/8" in overall length. The unusually broad handle loop measures a full inch in height. Made of a single piece of metal, this stick features a 1 5/8" tall thimble with an ornamented thumb lever and a 3 3/4" tall ornamented hook. The handle neck is held together by two pins and has the name DAVIS applied by a series of punched dots appearing next to the thimble. Overall workmanship is superb.



A Small Stick

This little stick measures just 6 1/4" in overall length and features a hook that is 3" tall. The stick is very delicately and lightly made. The spike is octagonal until just before the hook where it becomes square. The octagonal hook rises from a square base. The thimble is unusual in that it is only 9/16" tall and has no real thumb lever, just a roll at its end. This stick was acquired in the Butte, Montana area.

